

TraceGuard adds Laser Detect Systems

Developer of innovative security technologies and solutions, TraceGuard Technologies Inc., has executed a non binding Letter of Intent with ITL Optronics, to acquire Laser Detect Systems (LDS) Ltd, a developer of long distance, remote sensing, laser based trace detection solutions.

Dr. Ehud Ganani,
TraceGuard Chairman

and CEO said, "There are clear synergies to be gained by the acquisition of LDS by TraceGuard and their affiliation.

TraceGuard has developed proprietary solutions in the field of trace extraction and collection and LDS has developed proprietary solutions in the field of hazardous materials detection.

This transaction, which we anticipate to become

definitive by mid-September 2006 and to close by mid November 2006, is part of our recently announced intention of furthering our growth strategy through acquisitions, and will enable TraceGuard to offer the market a much wider spectrum of solutions."

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HB LED market still thriving, says report

Everyone knows that the HB LED industry has had a remarkable history of successful growth. For instance, over 2001-2004 the market grew at 46% but then in 2005, it grew by only 6.2% even though it reached \$3.9bn, estimates California-based market research firm Strategies Unlimited.

Reasons for the slowing growth include the saturation of the mobile phone market for full colour displays and over-capacity in Asia leading to price erosion. In spite of this situation, all other HB LED applications together grew at a healthy rate of 18% in 2005.

In its recently released report, entitled 'High-Brightness LED Market Update and Forecast - 2006', the mobile appliance segment still

accounted for over half of the HB LED market in 2005. But as the mobile appliance application begins to saturate, the HB LED market is entering a period of slower growth than it has experienced historically, says Strategies Unlimited.

For the next five years, growth rates may be expected to be in the range of 15-20% per year, rather than the 40-50% that the industry has come to expect. However, even with these lower growth rates, the HB LED market is still expected to reach \$8.3bn in 2010, well over twice the level of 2005. Growth will be driven by emerging applications such as illumination, automotive headlamps, and back-lights for LCD monitors and TV screens.

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3G reaches critical mass

Strategy Analytics in its 3G subscriber tracking shows that over 100 million people worldwide are now using WCDMA and CDMA2000 1x EV-DO 3G technology on their cellphones. Their report "Global 3G Subscribers Hit 100 Million Mark in June," says 3G-user momentum is ramping up with a strong operator push complementing a rich portfolio of handsets.

The number of 3G subscribers is growing fast - faster than the growth of GSM subscribers in the early 1990s. Strategy Analytics predicts reaching 106 million 3G users by the end of Q2, with the total number of 3G users worldwide hitting the magic 100 million mark for this populist technology in early June 2006.

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